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Submitted by Gary Miller

Two Linden elementary schools took part in the "Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive" during the holiday season to help children in uncertain situations feel cozy and warm at bedtime.

Deerfield School No. 9 and Highland Avenue School No. 10 were able to collect a total of 415 new pairs of pajamas.

"As a teacher and mother of three, I understand the importance of reading to a child each night," said Fran Czylek, a School No. 10 teacher who organized her school's drive. "Through Scholastic, I was made aware of this incredible opportunity to help children in our area affected by instability."

The drive was organized by Scholastic Book Club in cooperation with Pajama Program, a non-profit group dedicated to promoting a comfortable bedtime routine for children affected by instability. For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic donates a new book to Pajama Program.

"It is never too early to start teaching our students the lifelong lesson of helping those in need," said Superintendent Danny A. Robertozzi. "Pajamas may seem like a small item, but they can make a great difference in keeping a child warm and comfortable at bedtime, and that's something our students can really make a connection with."

School No. 9 was able to collect 211 pairs, including 15 pairs donated by the school's K-Kids, a student service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Donations also came in from other schools and the district's Administration Building.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped us make this event a positive learning experience for the children," said fourth-grade teacher Theresa Rogakos, who led the School No. 9 effort. "I was happy to see how excited the students were to hear the weekly announcement updating our count total.

"I hope they learned that they may be young but they $\frac{3}{5}$ can achieve big things when they work toward a common $\frac{3}{5}$ goal to make a difference in the lives of others."

The drive was boosted by the generosity of the Linden Police Department's two police unions. When School No. 10 was falling short of its goal, Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Local No. 42 and the Linden Police Superior Officers Association stepped in to donate 25 pairs of pajamas to help School No. 10 surpass its goal.



(above, l-r) The Linden Police Department's two unions donated 25 pairs of pajamas to Linden School No. 10's drive: Detective Tim Hubert, president of Linden PBA Local 42; School No. 10 paraprofessional Kristin Zuk; Principal David Walker; Sgt. Joseph Birch, president of the Linden Police Superior Officers Association; and teacher Fran *Czvlek, who organized the drive. The children are Brielle* Suros, Gianna Cedeno, Natalie Diaz and Jeremiah Fortuna.



(above) Students in the Linden School No. 9 K-Kids organization donated 15 pairs of pajamas to the drive.



(above) Theresa Rogakos' fourth-grade students on pajama day at Linden School No. 9.





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VISITORS TAKE LINDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Submitted by Gary Miller

Students at Soehl Middle School in Linden delighted in seeing, touching, and learning about animals during an educational wildlife visit.

Jesse Kovacs of Rizzo's Wildlife World in Roxbury visited the school cafeteria with several of her little — and not so little — friends. Students in the 21st Century Community Learning Center after-school program gathered in two sessions to see a Chilean rose-hair tarantula, a ball python, an Egyptian dabb lizard, a toad, a chinchilla, and a baby alligator. The students were allowed to touch some of the animals, and got up-close looks at the others.

The grand finale was a 17-foot-long albino

Burmese python named Hissy Pants. Kovacs needed help from teachers Mackenzie Anderson and Destiny Garcia to carry the large snake around for students to touch.

Rizzo's Wildlife World is a program that includes an up-close and personal hands-on learning experience with combinations of animals from the invertebrate, mammal, reptile and amphibian families.

The 21st Century program is federally funded and gathers after school each day to give students homework help, enrichment programs, and recreation. About a third of the students at Soehl take part at some point during the school year.





(above) Soehl Middle School students and staff interacting with wild animals from Rizzo's Wildlife World. Photos by Linden Public Schools.

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LIFE in LINDEN • Page 4 • February 2019 **WISE ADULT DAY SERVICES PROGRAM CELEBRATES 35 YEARS**

The Gateway Family YMCA - WISE Center needs of our members, and our community." YMCA Branch is celebrating 35 years of serving the local community through their W.I.S.E. Adult Social Day Services Program, located at 2095B Berwyn Street, Union, NJ. The W.I.S.E. (Wellness, Independence and Socialization for our Elders) Adult Day Services Program is a social opportunity designed to help adults maintain their independence and improve their quality of life through activities designed to meet their special needs. Caregivers are provided a necessary respite while their loved ones are cared for in a safe, secure and supportive environment.

"We are humbled by the opportunity to reach the milestone of 35 years of service for the W.I.S.E. Adult Social Day Services program," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Our YMCA has been serving the local community since 1900, and WISE is one of our unique programs designed to meet the

The WISE Center YMCA one of five branches in The Gateway Family YMCA association, serving the community in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County. In addition to the W.I.S.E. Adult Social Day Services program, The Gateway Family YMCA provides Connections, a program designed for those with early stage dementia or mild cognitive impairment, as well as a monthly Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group, Bereavement Support Group and PERSYS, an in-home Personal Emergency Response System through the WISE Center YMCA branch.

"The WISE Center YMCA Branch impacts the lives of people with physical challenges and memory impairment and their caregivers by providing a warm, loving and supportive environment with dedicated staff so that each can live life to the fullest. We are committed to the idea that each person, despite challenges, can

continue to discover, learn, create and flourish and not be defined by limitations," stated Melvnda A. Mileski, EVP/COO, The Gateway Family YMCA.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3)non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community and stands For Youth Development, Healthy Living and For Social For Responsibility. The Y impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faiths or incomes. The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children of all ages and from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion: to strengthen the foundations of community.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA or the WISE Center YMCA Branch, visit tgfymca.org or contact 908-687-2995.



(above) The Gateway Family YMCA's W.I.S.E. adult day services program turns 35.



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The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off will be an integral part of the evening as firefighters from 25 departments will compete in three NJ FMBA at 732-499-9250.

On Monday, February 25, 2019, Linden different categories: Gourmet, Firehouse and Dessert.

> The competition is part of the culinary extravaganza where participants will be able to experience the tastes and flavors of more than 40 of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops all in one location.

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EIGHT NEW OFFICERS JOIN THE RANKS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Linden Police Officers Victor Pozsonyi, Matthew Matlosz, Slawomir Polchlopek, Daniel Viana, Jonathan Berrios, Michael Rozycki, Renald Dume, and Laron Capers were sworn in during a ceremony at City hall on December 14, 2018. A total of 19 Officers have joined the department's ranks in the past two years.

"No one has the potential to impact as many people over the course of a careers as a Police Officer," said Police Chief David Hart. "These Officers will have all the training and tools they will need to go out each day and make a difference in people's lives."

The Officers were hired in July of 2018 and immediately began their training at the John Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. They graduated in the 119th class on December 19th. During the graduation ceremony Officers Matlosz & Pozsonyi were awarded the Physical Fitness Challenge Award, and Officer Berrios was awarded the Charles Jotz Marksmanship Award.

Chief Hart added "We are grateful to Mayor Armstead and the City Council for their continued support in making sure we have the manpower to protect our great city."



(above) Linden Mayor Derek Armstead with newly sworn in Police Officers Victor Pozsonyi, Matthew Matlosz, Slawomir Polchlopek, Daniel Viana, Jonathan Berrios, Michael Rozycki, Renald Dume, and Laron Capers.

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TRINITAS SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES 112 – 6 FROM LINDEN

One hundred and twelve students received their nursing diplomas at the Trinitas School of Nursing's 161st Convocation Ceremony held at St. Michael's Church in Cranford. Surrounded by family, friends, and staff that supported their efforts every step of the way, 99 women and 13 men proudly accepted their pins and diplomas. They also became eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN registered nurse licensing examination.

"The Trinitas School of Nursing congratulates the Class of January 2019," said Dr. Rose Santee, Dean of the Trinitas School of Nursing, a diploma in nursing program which is affiliated with Union County College that also awards the Associate in Science Degree to the graduates. "The administration, faculty and staff continue their commitment to the

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> Graduates from Linden were Dorraine Dockery, Huguette Jean, Magdalena Filipkowska, Ewa Morawska, Christina F. Raymond, and Crystal A. Wright.

Graduate nurses took part in the occasion in various ways. The ceremony began with "America the Beautiful," sung by Huguette Jean, accompanied by her husband Arrold Jean on the piano. The Welcome speech was given by Anaelisa Ramirez, while the Senior Class Address was delivered by Rebecca O. Thompson and the Closing remarks were given by Pamela Santamarina.

Trinitas School of Nursing, a

collaborative nursing program of Trinitas Regional Medical Center and Union County College, currently holds full accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and the New Jersey State Board of Nursing. The National League for Nursing has awarded the School of Nursing a third designation as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education status for the years 2015 - 2020 for Creating Environments that Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development. The majority of the full-time faculty and administration are doctorally prepared and hold certifications as NLN Certified Nurse Educators (CNE). The School holds a 25year, 50-class national RN licensing examination (NCLEX) average pass rate of 95% on first attempt.



(above) Trinitas School of Nursing Class of January 2019 photographed outside St. Michael's in Cranford.



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(above) Dr. Tom Bejgrowicz, Xiomara Turcios, Michael Merlo, Dolores Maslo, Al Volpe, Lois Bass, Michael Murray (Kiwanis Lt. Governor), James Gilligan, and Sabrina Elson

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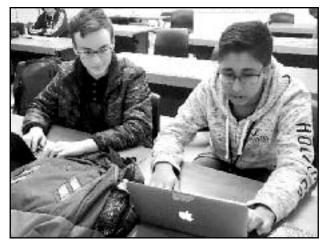
YOUNG PROGRAMMERS AT LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL HONORED BY CONGRESS

Submitted by Gary Miller

Two Linden High School computer science students have created a video game called "The Trials," in which a player must overcome obstacles and solve puzzles to advance to the next level and win the game.

The theme was appropriate for ninth-graders Paul Niziolek and Gurvir Singh, who had to overcome their own challenges and solve significant problems – but now they have emerged victorious.

The pair have been chosen as winners in the fourth annual Congressional App Challenge, the largest student computer science competition in



(above) Paul Niziolek and Gurvir Singh working in Holly Sepulveda's computer science class at the Linden High School Academy of Science and Technology.



(above) Paul Niziolek and Gurvir Singh with computer science teacher Holly Sepulveda.

the nation. Their app was chosen as the best in New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, which covers parts of Union, Essex and Hudson counties.

"It's surprising and shocking, but I'm definitely excited about winning," said Niziolek. "It was a good feeling to know that we won when we only had about two weeks to finish the project."

They each won a \$250 Amazon gift card and will be honored in Washington, D.C.

"Congratulations to Paul and Gurvir on this amazing accomplishment," said Superintendent Danny A. Robertozzi. "In ninth-grade, they are doing things that a lot of adults don't even understand. But to see them honored by Congress shows that they and their teachers at Linden High School are doing incredible, cutting-edge work."

Holly Sepulveda, who teaches Singh and Niziolek in her Computer Science Principals class, told the pair about the Congressional App Challenge "and they jumped right on it."

"They're very bright boys," she said. "They came into class knowing so much. I have them and a couple of other students assisting the rest of the students with the lessons because they know a vast variety of computer science."

The two boys explained that they got started late and didn't have as much time as other competitors had to complete the challenge. But they buckled down and spent all their spare time on finishing and getting it right.

"We took one or two days to brainstorm what we wanted it to be," Singh said. "Then we settled on something like platforming with puzzle elements involved. Then we started creating it slowly and it started to come together."

They explained that they used a platform called Unreal Engine to create their app. The engine is used by professional game developers for popular games such as Fortnite and allows the user to import assets and coding so that they don't have to start from scratch.

When asked what set their app apart from others in the competition, Singh guessed that it was the size of their creation. "It was a big-scale project," he said. "Most games that other students make is based off another thing and it's a lot less professional. The Unreal Engine is used by actual game developers. So we used something professional, and that made it look like a professional app."

Though Sepulveda has guided Singh and Niziolek in planning out an app and in how to test and modify their coding, much of what they know about programming is self-taught.

"We talk about it sometimes because they finish their assignments so quickly," Sepulveda said. "I asked them where they learn all this. They told me they researched the information at home. They want me to stay after with them sometimes to learn different coding languages and things like that. They've been hungry to learn since the first day."

Nevertheless, she wasn't sure what to expect when they were creating "The Trials" for the Congressional App Challenge.

"I was very surprised," she said. "I was asking them about it and they would just say, 'We're working on it.' They were secretive about it. So I was kind of nervous.

"They showed me when they were done and I thought, oh, wow, that's really amazing!"

The next challenge for Singh and Niziolek, who are both considering majoring in computer science in college, is the creation of a Coding Club at LHS. The proposal will go before the Board of Education in January, and if approved the club will meet once a week.

"Many of the people in our class wanted to learn coding, so we thought we would create the coding club to teach all of them at once," Niziolek said.

Students interested in coding had an informal meeting during the recent Computer Science Education Week, and about a dozen students showed up.

"We got them to make their own calculator app," Singh said. "We're going to try to expand on that in January, once the club is official. By the end of the year we want to have a joint project to make an app and maybe publish it."



NFL PLAY 60 GRANT WILL ALLOW SCHOOL TO KICK OFF FLAG FOOTBALL

Submitted by Gary Miller

awarded a grant from the NFL Play 60 organization to bring the action and activity of flag football to physical education class.

"The kids are going to love it," said physical education teacher Patrick Migliore. "They've been asking every year, 'Can we play flag football? Can we play flag football?' It's a real big deal for them."

McManus got 50 flags, 10 footballs, four McManus Middle School in Linden has been kicking tees, and a curriculum book. The flags are worn around the waists of players, and a player is considered "tackled" when another player pulls off his or her flag.

> "It's important that activities be engaging for the students so that they are excited about going to physical education class and staying active," said Superintendent Danny A. Robertozzi. "This program is perfect for that. Thanks to NFL Play



(above) Students at McManus Middle School in Linden checking out new flag football equipment the school received through a grant from NFL Play 60. (1-r) Physical education teacher Patrick Migliore; seventh-graders Ashton Armstead, Michelle Gasior, Gabriela Grzebyk and Ryan Armstead; and physical education teacher Emilia Milewski.

60 for selecting McManus, and to Mr. Migliore for finding a creative way to expand his students' phys ed opportunities."

Migliore explained to his students that the school has to put a priority on buying equipment that can be used year-round, unlike flag football equipment, which they will use for only part of the year.

"Flag football is very expensive," he said. "The flags are \$150 to \$200 a set, which comes with 10 flags and a ball. So we got \$600 to \$700 worth of equipment."

Migliore said he applied for the grant at the end of the last school year, and learned in November that McManus was awarded the grant.

"It was during the half days at the end of the school year," he said. "We were all cleaned up around here, so rather than not doing anything, I started typing to apply to the NFL Play 60."

Classes will begin using the equipment in the spring, once they start going outside again.

"When I showed them we got flags, they were dancing around and they were happy," Migliore said. "They were saying, 'I can't wait for the spring when we can go out and play!' So they're going to love it.

"I can't wait, because I play steady quarterback sometimes! I can still throw it a little bit," he said with a laugh.

NFL Play 60 is a national youth health and fitness campaign focused on increasing the wellness of young fans by encouraging them to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. Over the past decade, the NFL has partnered with leading organizations to help children of all abilities lead healthier, active lives.

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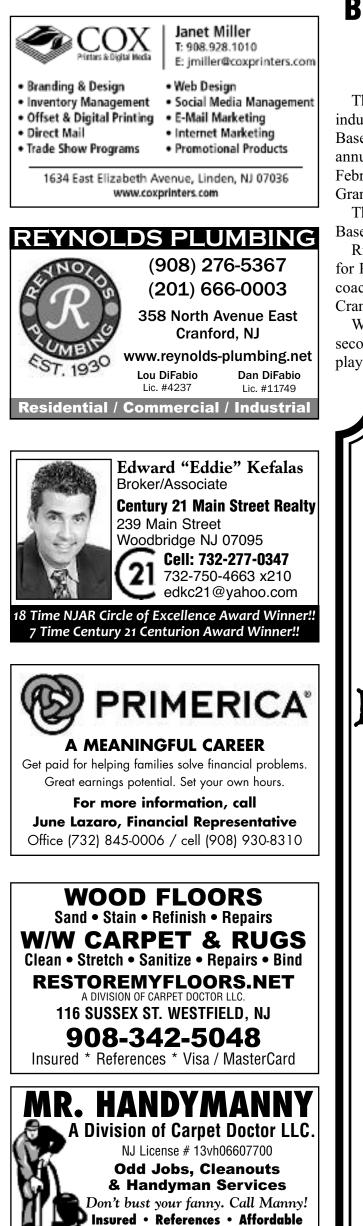
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The Union County Baseball Association will drafted by the Minnesota Twins; induct four new members into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the organization's 83rd annual Hot Stove League Dinner on Sunday, February 10, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m., at The Gran Centurions in Clark, New Jersey.

The four new inductees into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame include:

Rich Biddulph of Roselle, an All-State catcher for Roselle Catholic High School and longtime coach of American Legion Baseball teams in Cranford and Roselle;

Walter Podgurski of Union, an All-State second baseman for the Farmers, who went on to play for the University of Pennsylvania and was

Chris Roof of Berkeley Heights and Scotch Plains, a standout player at Governor Livingston High School and Montclair State University and longtime coach at Governor Livingston;

Tom Urban of Elizabeth, a varsity infielder at Thomas Jefferson High School, baseball coach in Elizabeth and at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, and director of the Union County Baseball Association Summer and Fall leagues.

The special guest speaker at the annual event will be Dwight "Doc" Gooden, the former awardwinning pitcher for the New York Mets and the New York Yankees. For more information call Jim Iozzi, UCBA president, at 908-917-2523.



NEW HEAD COACHES BRING OPTIMISM TO LINDEN BASKETBALL TEAMS

Submitted by Gary Miller

Two familiar faces will be taking over the top jobs for the Tigers basketball teams this winter. New head coaches are stepping up at Linden

High School for both the boys and girls programs. Each is a former assistant coach.

James Harper is taking over the girls program after having been an assistant coach for two years under Jason Fekete, who was promoted to vice principal this summer. On the boys side, Anthony Drejaj has been an assistant coach since 2009, and is taking over for longtime head coach Phil Colicchio.

"We couldn't be happier to introduce our two new head basketball coaches," said Athletic Director Steven Viana. "Not only did Coach Harper and Coach Drejaj impress during the interview, they possess the 'it' factor. When looking for a head coach, you are looking for someone who is passionate, driven, experienced, and above all else, has a love for our children. I'm confident that we have exactly what we are looking for in these two outstanding coaches."

Both coaches said they were happy to begin their head coaching careers in a place they already feel at home.

"It so much easier, rather than going into a new situation or a new school district," Drejaj said. "What made me feel really comfortable with this whole situation is that I was stepping into a head coaching job where I was very familiar with the kids, faculty, administration. I have a good rapport with all those people."

Harper said that already being familiar with the players gives him a head-start, and that the girls have responded well to the change.

"There was a big turnout," he said. "We had about 30 girls come out for the team this year. I took that as a positive sign that a lot of people showed interest."

Though Drejaj is stepping into the head coach's role for the first time, his basketball resume is impressive. He starred in high school for Seton Hall Prep, where he graduated in 2002 as the Essex County Player of the Year. He was also a two-time selection to the All-State second team.

From there he went on to a full scholarship at Saint Louis University, where he was a four-year starter and is third all-time in three-pointers and fourth in steals. He played professionally overseas in Iceland, Tunisia, Jordan and Kosovo.

Drejaj has been part of championship caliber teams since coming to Linden and sees it as a challenge to maintain that tradition. "I'm extremely excited for the opportunity," he said. "I've always wanted this. We've been pretty competitive since I've been here, and I intend on keeping that going. I really don't see much of that changing."

And he says his players are up to the task.

"We have a lot of quality basketball players," Drejaj said. "I think that guys who were on the bench who are coming back have the experience of that big game feeling. So I think that they'll be able to step in. I like what I've seen already from these guys. They're becoming leaders in practice already."

Drejaj, who is a woodwork teacher at the LHS Academy of Science and Technology, knows that his first job is to teach his players to be good students and citizens on and off the court.

"Once we step outside the gym, whatever was said on the court, whether it was constructive criticism or praise, it's a different relationship once you step off the court," he said. "I don't plan on being friends with my players, but we're going to have a good relationship. They can come see me or talk to me. Whenever they need my help, I'm definitely going to open my arms to them and help them whatever way I can."

Harper says he knows the girls team has been playing in the shadow of the boys team, but he has high hopes of changing that.

"It's never too early to start thinking big," he said. "County championship, state championship. I don't think we've had a state championship on the girls level since the early '90s. I just want to make a mark there. We want to have our own light and make a name for ourselves.

"It's definitely long-term goals. I think in the next few years we can turn the program into something that can be competing at the end of the season each year."

Since coming to Linden two years ago, Harper has been a fourth-grade teacher at School No. 1 and the JV girls basketball coach. Before that he taught in Long Branch for six years and was a middle school boys basketball coach in Little Ferry and Eatontown. He played college basketball at Felician College, graduating in 2010, and for Long Branch High School, where he was part of a sectional championship in 2005.

Harper said he feels his players can relate well to him seeing as how he is not so far removed from playing himself. He showed that he still has skills last year when the girls team hosted the "Alley-Oop for Autism" fund-raising tournament at LHS. Harper was MVP for the Linden Public Schools team competing against





(above) New head basketball coaches Anthony Drejaj and James Harper in the Linden High School gym.

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"I still feel like I could be on the court," he said. "I like to still play at a high level, so there's a lot of things I think I can explain and also show them physically on the court. That's something I bring to the table."

And coaching the person is even more important than coaching the player, Harper said.

"They're student athletes," he said. "The academics is why we're here. This is a school activity. Basketball teaches discipline, determination, hard work, and mixed with what you bring to the classroom, you have a wide range of options going forward."



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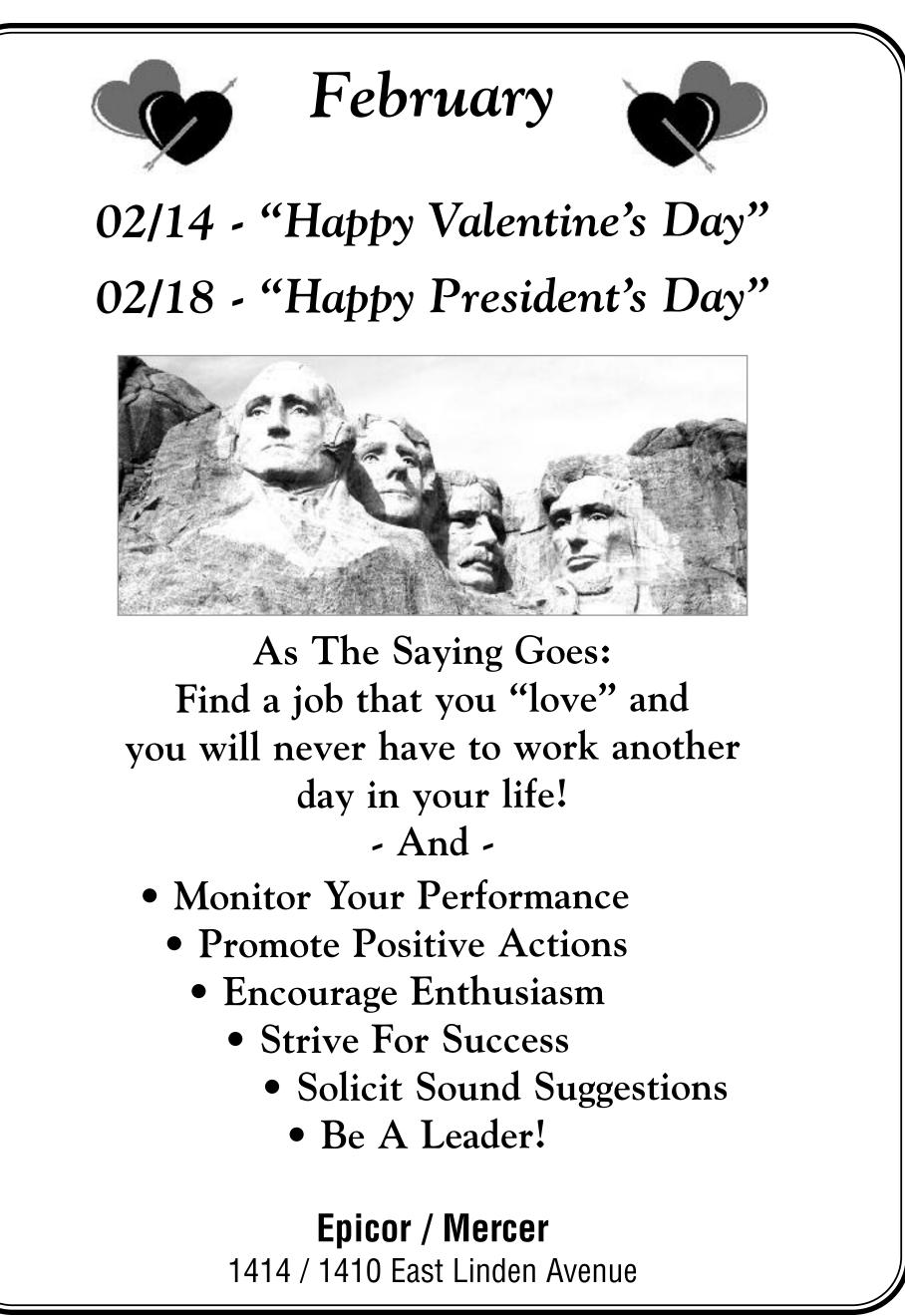
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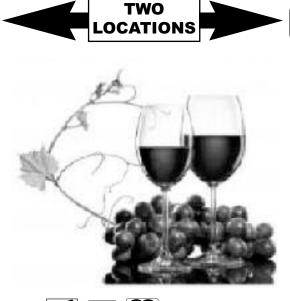


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